

New National Stage Application
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-20, adds new claims 21-39, amends the specification and presents a new Abstract. The amendment to the specification inserts a reference to parent application PCT/FR00/01718 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78. New claims 21-39 are based on the amended claims 1-19 attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report, and have been written to avoid multiple dependencies and drawing reference numerals, and by otherwise conforming the claims to U.S. practice. The Substitute Abstract is based on the PCT Abstract. A version with markings to show changes made is attached as an Appendix. Claims 21-39 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

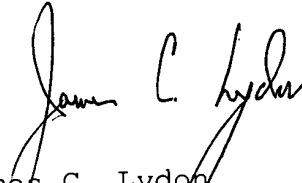
It is not believed that any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

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Prompt and favorable examination of the application are earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

Appendix
Abstract of the Disclosure
Information Disclosure Statement
Recordation Form Cover Sheet w/Assignment

APPENDIX

Version With Markings to Show Changes Made

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph inserted between the title and the first heading on page 1 is new.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 have been canceled.

Claims 21-39 are new.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Substitute Abstract is new.